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SUBJECT: THIEU ISSUES SHARP RETORT TO KY'S AUGUST 12 STATEMENT

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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AUGUST 14 BY PRESIDENT THIEU WHICH SHARPLY DENIES KY'S AUGUST 12 ACCUSATIONS AND STRONGLY CRITICIZES THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SUPREME COURT (REFTELS). END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. IT IS BEYOND IMAGINATION THAT A VICE PRESIDENT STILL IN OFFICE, ALWAYS USING DEMOCRACY AS A FRONT, AND ABOVE ALL WHEN DEFENDING HIS OWN PLATFORM ESPECIALLY AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, RELENTLESSLY INDULGES HIMSELF IN GROUNDLESS ACCUSATIONS AND SLANDERINGS

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AGAINST NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. ESPECIALLY THIS TIME, THE ATTACK IS AGAINST A CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTION, THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE JUDICIARY SYSTEM, AND WITH EXTREMELY LIBELOUS REMARKS.

3. IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY, ANYONE CAN CLAIM THAT HE HONORS THE LAWS PROPERLY. BUT WHEN THERE IS A CONTROVERSY, THEN IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, HE MUST ABIDE BY THE ARBITRATION OF THE JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO RULE JUSTICE AND SLANDER THE ARBITRATING ORGANIZATION WHEN HE IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE ARBITRATION.

4. AS FOR CHARGING THE PRESIDENT WITH USING THIS HIGHEST ORGAN OF THE JUDICIARY BRANCH FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES, THIS IS PURE CALUMNY RIFE WITH ILL INTENTION AND TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION.

5. THE PRESIDENT HOPES THAT ANYONE WHO LIVES IN FREE SOUTH VIET-NAM IS ABLE TO ASSESS PROPERLY THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND TO HONOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHRTS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUIONS, SO AS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT THE DICTATORIAL AND SAVAGE COMMUNISTS. END TEXT.
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